

New law, beginning with the 1999-2000 school year, requires each city and parish school board to require each public school student in grades four through 12 to sign a statement of compliance committing to do at least all of the following:

- (1) Attend school daily, except when absent for illness or other excused absence.
- (2) Arrive at school on time each day.
- (3) Demonstrate significant effort toward completing all required homework assignments.
- (4) Follow school and classroom rules.

Further requires, beginning with the 1999-2000 school year, each parent or guardian of each student in grades four through 12 in any public school in the state annually to sign a statement of compliance committing to do at least all of the following:

- (1) Ensure that his or her child attends school daily except for illness or excused absence.
- (2) Ensure that his or her child arrives at school on time each day.
- (3) Ensure that his or her child completes all required homework assignments.
- (4) Attend all required parent and teacher or principal conferences.

Requires each homeroom teacher of students in grades four through 12 to provide information to and answer questions from students relative to the statement of compliance. Specifies that this be done on the first day of school and prior to any student signing the statement.

Requires city and parish school boards to adopt rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of new law including:

- (1) Appropriate actions to be taken against students or parents who fail to comply with signed statement.
- (2) Guidelines for accomplishing new law requirements relative to teachers providing information to and answering questions from students.

Effective upon signature of governor (July 9, 1999).

(Adds R.S. 17:235.2)